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1. CND DISCUSSED ITEM 3 (DRUG ABUSE AND MEASURES TO REDUCE DEMAND) FEB 7-9. MORE THAN 25 MEMBERS AND OBSERVERS DESCRIBED HIGHLY VARIED PATTERNS OF ABUSE. SECRETARIAT REPORT ON DRUG ABUSE WAS PRAISED AS FIRST ANALYTICAL OVERVIEW PREPARED BY THE UN OF WORLD TRENDS OF ABUSE BY REGION AND DRUG TYPE.

2. ON FEB 7, USREP FALCO INTRODUCED DR. PETER BOURNE WHO CONVEYED PRESIDENT CARTER'S PERSONAL MESSAGE (REF A). DR ROBERT DUPONT SUBSEQUENTLY COMMENTED IN DETAIL ON DRUG ABUSE SITUATION IN THE UNITED STATES AND ON QUESTIONS RAISED IN DOCUMENTS BEFORE CND.

3. EUROPEAN COUNTRIES (SWEDEN, FRG, NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM, ITALY, FRANCE, UK) GENERALLY REPORTED AN INCREASE IN INDICATORS OF HEROIN ABUSE WHILE DENYING ANY DETERIORATION OF THEIR OVERALL HEROIN SITUATION. STATEMENTS CONTAINED NO DISCUSSION OF INADEQUACY OF CURRENT ASSESSMENT, PREVENTION OR TREATMENT EFFORTS. SWEDEN (REXED) OBSERVED THAT ABUSE OF PSYCHOTROPICS AND CANNABIS THROUGHOUT EUROPE (AND THE WORLD) IS MORE WIDESPREAD THAN UNCLASSIFIED

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ABUSE OF OPIATES.

4. EASTERN EUROPE (USSR, HUNGARY AND GDR) CONTINUED TO ALLEGE INSIGNIFICANT DRUG PROBLEMS.

5. LATIN AMERICA (MEXICO, COLUMBIA, ARGENTINA) REPORTED INCREASED MULTIPLE DRUG ABUSE ESPECIALLY WITH CANNABIS, AMPHETAMINES,

COCAINE, TRANQUILIZERS AND SOME HEROIN. MEXICO (LOBATO) REPORTED INHALANTS AS PRIMARY PROBLEM. THIRTY-TWO TREATMENT CENTERS HAVE NOW BEEN ESTABLISHED WITH DETOXIFICATION UNITS OPENED ON U.S. BORDER. MEXICANS PRAISED MESSAGE OF PRESIDENT CARTER ADDING THEY "HOPE THESE WORDS ARE CONVERTED INTO CONCRETE PLANS."

6. OTHER: IRAN (SHAHANDEH) REPORTED EXPANDED TREATMENT FACILITIES AND PLANNED INCREASE OF PREVENTION AND RESEARCH PROGRAMS (FURTHER DETAILS IN REF B). INDIA REPORTED NON-MEDICAL USE (HYPNOTICS, AMPHETAMINES AND LSD) AMONG STUDENTS BUT NO INCREASE IN INCIDENCE OF "HARD DRUG" USE. TURKEY REPORTED SHARP INCREASE IN PERSONS ARRESTED BUT CONCLUDED THAT THIS DID NOT INDICATE MORE DRUG ABUSE. YUGOSLAVIA (FORMER DND DIRECTOR KUSEVIC) WAS ONLY REPRESENTATIVE TO EXPRESS DISTRUST OF DATA AVAILABLE IN HIS COUNTRY. AUSTRALIA HIGHLIGHTED DRUG ADVERTISING AS A CAUSE OF ILLICIT DEMAND. JAPAN REPORTED AN INCREASE IN AMPHETAMINE ABUSE. HONG KONG REPORTED 7,800 PATIENTS NOW LISTED IN ITS NARCOTICS REGISTER AND THANKED THE USG FOR PROVIDING ASSISTANCE ON ACUPUNCTURE PROJECT AND CONSULTANT SERVICES TO IMPROVE THE REGISTER.

7. MORE THAN ONE-THIRD OF THE DELEGATIONS INCLUDED EFFECTS OF ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO ON HEALTH IN THEIR STATEMENTS. SWEDEN AND CANADA ENCOURAGED THIS PERSPECTIVE. DR BABAIAN (USSR), SPEAKING AS CND CHAIRMAN, NOTED THAT TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL WERE NOT WITHIN THE COMMISSION'S COMPETENCE.

8. DISCUSSION REVEALED INCREASING CANNABIS USE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. UPPER CLASS YOUTH AND STUDENTS SEEMED TO BE FIRST IN A SOCIETY TO USE CANNABIS, FOLLOWED BY LOWER CLASS URBAN YOUTH. MANY UNCLASSIFIED

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NATIONS REPORTED THAT CANNABIS USERS WERE NOT PUT IN PRISON, BUT RATHER IGNORED OR FINED. HOWEVER, CRIMINAL SANCTIONS AGAINST POSSESSION REMAINED ON THE BOOKS. TURKEY, JAPAN AND USSR TOOK HARDEST LINE AGAINST CANNABIS USERS.

9. DND DIRECTOR LING PRESENTED PRELIMINARY REPORT ON STUDY OF MEASURES TO REDUCE ILLICIT DEMAND FOR DRUGS, AS REQUESTED BY 4TH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE CND IN 1976. U.S. PRAISED REPORT AND FORMALLY PROPOSED CONTINUATION OF THE PROJECT WITH PREPARATION OF A RESOURCE BOOK OF PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR USE BY GOVERNMENTS BY THE DND WITH FINANCING FROM THE UN FUND. SWEDEN, CANADA, FRANCE, ITALY, IRAN, AUSTRALIA, MEXICO, TOGO, YUGOSLAVIA AND PAKISTAN SUPPORTED U.S. PROPOSAL. CATTO

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